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1. In December 1953, grain shuttle trains entering and leaving East Germany totaled 1,387 westbound boxcars and 1,118 eastbound boxcars through Frankfurt/Oder and 789 westbound and 655 eastbound boxcars through Guben.<sup>1</sup>
2. Butter shipments entering East Germany via Kuestrin Kietz totaled 48 carloads on 14 December, 39 carloads on 15 December, 51 carloads on 16 December, and 44 carloads on 18 December.<sup>2</sup>
3. [ ] the following numbers of railroad cars passed through the Frankfurt/Oder and Kuestrin border stations, in the directions indicated, from 23 through 30 December 1953:

Date in December	Frankfurt/Oder		Kuestrin-Kietz	
	Trains	Cars	Trains	Cars

## a. Westbound

23	13	561	10	471
24	12	550	7	340
25	9	410	9	485
26	10	474	8	446
29	14		4	
30	11	426	4	188

## b. Eastbound

23	13	465	9	483
24	15	636	7	396
25	10	409	8	421
26	8	323	8	381
29	14		7	
30	11	398	7	

4. According to orders of the Soviet High Commission, the following trains were to be dispatched to the East from Frankfurt/Oder between 21 and 26 December:

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Date in December	Composition of Trains	Assembled at
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21/22	56 cars	Frankfurt/Oder
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51 "	"	"
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52 "	"	"
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55 "	"	"
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53 "	"	"
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54 "	"	"
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43 "	"	"
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1 train of gondola cars		
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1 train of flatcars		
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1 train of refrigerator cars		
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22/23	57 cars	"
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56 "	"	"
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38 "	"	"
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34 "	"	"
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6 "	"	"
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34 "	Halle railroad district	"
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46 "	"	"
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55 "	"	"
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40 "	Berlin railroad district	"
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1 grain shuttle train		
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1 train of gondola cars		
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23/24	51 cars	Frankfurt/Oder
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60 "	"	"
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36 "	"	"
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50 "	"	"
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55 "	"	"
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54 "	"	"
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Date in December	Composition of Trains	Assembled at
23/24	46 cars	Cottbus railroad district

1 train of refrigerator  
cars  
2 grain shuttle trains  
3 trains of gondola cars  
1 reserve locomotive

24/25	65 cars	Frankfurt/Oder
43 "	"	"
7 "	"	"
53 "	"	"
40 "	"	"
50 "	"	"
56 "	"	"
46 "	"	Dresden railroad district

1 grain shuttle train  
2 trains of gondola cars

[REDACTED]

Frankfurt/Oder

25/26	54 cars	"
33 "	"	"
54 "	"	"

1 grain shuttle train  
1 train of refrigerator cars  
1 train of passenger cars

46 cars  
Dresden  
railroad district

5. According to orders of the Soviet High Commission, the following trains were to be dispatched to the East from Kuestrin Kietz between 22 and 25 December:

Date in December	Composition of Trains
22/23	57 cars
23/24	57 "
24/25	57 "

22/23 57 cars  
23/24 57 "  
24/25 57 "

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6. [redacted] shipments [redacted] between  
2 and 10 January 1954:

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F - flatcar  
G - gondola car

R - refrigerator car  
T - tank car

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Date in January	Number and Type of Cars	From	To
2	26	Schkopau	Brest Litovsk
	57	Magdeburg	"
3	52	Bautzen	"
	55 T	Troeglitz	Stettin 7
	32	Magdeburg	Brest Litovsk
4	55	Leipzig	"
5	55	Troeglitz	Stettin
6	7 F, 33 G	Frankfurt/Oder	Moegelin
7	32	Troeglitz	Stettin
	45	Aue	Brest Litovsk
9	45	"	"
10	13	Frankfurt/Oder	Dresden
	64 R	"	Leipzig Magdeburg Erfurt Dresden

7. Between 1 and 9 January, the following numbers of cars were dispatched to the East at Frankfurt/Oder:

Type of Cars	Date in January								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Cars for escort personnel	25	30	27	17	13	16	22	14	13
Empty refrigerator cars	50	43	50		50	49	50		56
Empty gondola cars		160	50	54	56		56	113	55
Empty tank cars		37							
Empty boxcars (for grain)			109	111	145	166	110	110	110

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Broken down according to index figures:

Index Figure	Date in January								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
39	201	157	266	169	71	102	105	38	39
44									40
51	39	84					53		
65	46								
69							46	46	46 4

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8. [redacted] a train of 28 flatcars loaded with vehicles was dispatched from Jueterbog to Brest Litovsk [redacted] on 30 December.<sup>6</sup>

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9. [redacted] a train of 7 flatcars and 32 gondola cars with a load of 166 tons was dispatched from Frankfurt/Oder to Moegelin [redacted] on 7 January.<sup>5</sup>

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10. [redacted] shipments [redacted] between 22 December and 6 January: [redacted]

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B - boxcar  
F - flatcar  
T - tank car

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Date in December	Number and Type of Cars	From	To
22	50	Strausberg	Kuestrin
23	23 T	Merseburg	Brest Litovsk
	29 T	Troeglitz	Stettin
	27 T	Halle railroad district	"
27	6 B, 27 F	Leipzig	Brest Litovsk
2 January	50	Strausberg	Kuestrin
3	50	"	"
	55 T	Troeglitz	Stettin
6	38 T	"	"

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11. On 4 January, 5 railroad tank cars [redacted] arrived at the Brandenburg-Alt railroad station.<sup>9</sup>

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12. The following shipments were observed passing through the Muellrose railroad station on 2 and 9 January: 9 25X1

Date in January	Number and Type of Cars	Load	From	To
2	34 B 6 F	ammunition crash cars	Frankfurt/Oder	Toepchin
9	50 B	"Masse" (uranium ore)	Aue	Frankfurt/Oder

13. [redacted] since 23 December, 1,200 tons of hard coal from Poland have arrived daily in East Germany via the Forst border station. This coal was forwarded to Czechoslovakia via Bad Schandau.

1. [redacted] Comment. As compared with November, the number of grain shuttle cars passing through Frankfurt/Oder decreased by 36 westbound and 1,105 eastbound cars, while corresponding traffic through Guben increased by 146 incoming cars and decreased by 291 outgoing cars.

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2. [redacted] Comment. Probably imports from the USSR. In December, a total of 395 empty refrigerator cars for butter imports were dispatched to the East.

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3. [redacted] Comment. As compared with the last reported period, rail traffic through Frankfurt/Oder decreased from 592 westbound cars to 484 cars per day and from 484 eastbound cars to 446 cars per day, while traffic through Kuestrin Kiet: increased from 296 westbound cars to 386 cars and 411 eastbound cars to 420 cars per day.

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5. [redacted] Comment. The two shipments are definitely identical. From the type of cars, weight of load and receiving station it is inferred that the shipment consisted of guns, possibly heavy AT guns, from the USSR.

6. [redacted] Comment. Possibly guns of obsolescent types returned to the USSR.

7. [redacted] Comment. Deliveries by East German hydrogenation plants to the USSR. The shipments are transloaded to water at Stettin.

8. [redacted] Comment. From index figure 94 it is inferred that intra-zonal shipments between Soviet fuel depots and/or from hydrogenation plants to fuel depots are involved.

9. [redacted] Comment. An ammunition shipment from the USSR to the Soviet ammunition depot at Toepchin.

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10. [redacted] Comment. Uranium ore shipped to the USSR. Such shipments are labeled "Masse" probably for concealment reasons.

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